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Listing of Claims:

- 30. (Currently Amended) A method of supporting a body lumen comprising the steps of :
- a) providing a stent having an interior layer and an exterior layer, said interior layer having a securing means thereon;
 - b) placing said stent around the exterior of a body lumen; and,
- c) <u>expanding said lumen into contact with said securing means, thereby</u> securing -the lumen to the securing means.
- 31. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claims 30 or 51 wherein: the stent covers less than the total circumference of the lumen.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claims 30 or 51 wherein: the stent comprises a biologically inert material.
- 33. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claim 32 wherein: the stent further comprises a shape-memory material.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claims 30 or 51 wherein: the stent comprises a biologically active material.
- 35. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claims 30 or 51 wherein: the stent comprises resorbable material.
- 36. (Currently Amended) A method of support as in claims 30 or 51 wherein:

 the stent comprises a radioactive element for delivering radiation directly to the lumen.
- 37. (Currently Amended) A method as in claims 30 or 51 wherein: the stent is porous.